

## TRIBUTE TO ARCHIE D. BARRETT

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 1997*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I wish to congratulate and pay tribute to Archie D. Barrett, who recently retired from his position as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs. Mr. Barrett served our Nation for 44 years, as an Air Force fighter pilot, a member of the professional staff of the Armed Services Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, and finally in his most recent position where he was the principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Army on all Department of the Army policy and activities pertaining to manpower and force structure.

Archie D. Barrett was born in Paris, TX, on August 13, 1935. Following graduation from high school, he accepted an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He graduated from West Point in 1957, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. During his distinguished 24 year career in the Air Force, Mr. Barrett served in a variety of assignments, including an assignment as an F-4 fighter pilot in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam conflict. Along the way, he earned both a masters and a doctorate from Harvard University. He retired as a colonel in 1981.

After retiring from the Air Force, Arch began 13 years of service as a professional staff member of the then House Armed Services Committee. He served on both the Subcommittee on Investigations and the Subcommittee on Military Forces and Personnel, where his responsibilities included participation in the investigation of the terrorist bombing of the Marine headquarters in Lebanon. I worked very closely with him when I chaired the panel on military education of the House Armed Services Committee. His thorough knowledge of the defense education system helped the panel formulate needed reforms in this area.

Arch Barrett will be best remembered in Congress for his work on the hearings and legislative proposals on defense reorganization, culminating in the Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986. It was my privilege to work with Arch on this issue, and his expertise on Department of Defense organization proved invaluable to Congress and the Nation. Indeed, his book on this subject, "Reappraising Defense Organization," was published in 1983. It is not overstating it to say that this legislation, which helped win the gulf war, would not have become law without the tireless and devoted efforts of Arch Barrett.

Mr. Speaker, Archie D. Barrett is a national treasure. Although he is retiring from the Government, I am sure that he has many more productive years of service ahead of him, and that we will be able to call upon his wise counsel when needed. I know the Members of the House will join me in extending our heartfelt gratitude and best wishes in the years ahead to Arch and his family—his wife Miriam, who joins him in retirement from her position in the office of our colleague MARTIN OLAV SABO, and his three children, Julie Ann Heady, Cynthia Dawn Barrett, and Archie Don, Jr.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE WAYNE R. BRYANT, THE HONORABLE RICHARD H. BAGGER, THOMAS P. GIBLIN, AND T. JOSEPH SEMROD

**HON. BILL PASCARELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PASCARELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the Honorable Wayne R. Bryant, senator of the 5th district, the Honorable Richard H. Bagger, assemblyman of the 22d district, Thomas P. Giblin, president of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 58, and T. Joseph Semrod, chairman and CEO of Summit Bancorp. These individuals were all honored on Tuesday, October 14, 1997, by the New Jersey Society for Environmental and Economic Development [NJ SEED] and each is tremendously deserving of this recognition.

Senator Wayne Bryant and Assemblyman Richard Bagger are receiving the organization's legislative award.

While in the legislature, Wayne sponsored a series of welfare reform initiatives, signed into law in 1992, designed to foster family formation and require personal responsibility through education and employment. He was also sponsor of legislation which created the Thomas H. Kean New Jersey State Aquarium in Camden and the transportation trust fund. He is a graduate of Haddon Heights High School and Howard University and received his bachelor of arts degree in political science in 1969. Wayne studied law at Rutgers University in Camden, receiving his juris doctorate in 1972, the year of his admission to the New Jersey bar.

Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger was born March 27, 1960, in Plainfield. Richard is a 1982 graduate of Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He received his juris doctorate degree from Rutgers Law School in 1986. He was admitted to the bar in 1986 and is a corporate manager with Pfizer, Inc.

Richard served as mayor of Westfield in 1991 and 1992. He also served on the Westfield Town Council from 1984 to 1990 and on the Westfield Planning Board from 1987 to 1992, serving as chairman in 1990. He is serving his third term in the assembly and is the sponsor of more than 50 laws, including measures concerning economic development, energy policy, civil justice reform, education, state budgeting, and local government.

Thomas P. Giblin, of Montclair, NJ, was elected New Jersey State Democratic Chairman in June 1997. His party service also includes serving as chairman of the Essex County Democratic Committee since June 1993, performing as a delegate at the 1996 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, IL, and being an alternate delegate to the 1984 and 1988 conventions. He was also a member of the New Jersey electoral college.

Tom served for 10 years as a member of the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and served as president during 1987 to 1988. He as elected Essex County surrogate in November 1989 and served until his election as Essex County Democratic chairman. Tom is president of the 5,000 member Local 68-68A-68B of the International

Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO, headquartered in West Caldwell, NJ. As president of Local 68, Tom also serves as chairman of the board of trustees for the union's pensions, welfare, education, and annuity funds. He is the president of the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO, and a trustee of the United Labor Agency of Essex and West Hudson.

T. Joseph Semrod is chairman and CEO of Summit Bancorp. He is a respected individual throughout the banking and financial community. He is the recipient of a multitude of civic awards and has led Summit Bank through tumultuous and rapid expansion.

Summit is a New Jersey bank and under Joe's leadership they have definitely prioritized New Jersey. Joe has exemplified the importance of being a good corporate neighbor and is indeed worthy of accolades.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, the families and friends of Wayne, Richard, Tom, and Joe, New Jersey SEED, and the State of New Jersey in recognizing Wayne R. Bryant, Richard H. Bagger, Thomas P. Giblin, and T. Joseph Semrod's many outstanding and invaluable contributions to the community.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 1997*

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on Thursday, October 9, and unable to cast several votes on the District of Columbia appropriations bill. Had I been here I would have voted "no" on final passage of the bill, "yes" on the Moran substitute, and "no" on the motion to table the motion to reconsider.

LOWER TAXES ON INCOME AND  
HELP THE ENVIRONMENT**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I will be introducing legislation to gradually lower and even eliminate the payroll tax on wages.

The tax revenue lost by reducing the payroll tax rates will be replaced by an equal and gradually rising tax on energy and pollutants, thus helping the environment and reducing the disruption that may be caused by global warming.

This tax will fall heavily on imported energy and will help gradually reduce our dependence on unstable sources of foreign oil, as America becomes more energy efficient in response to higher energy prices.

By lowering the tax on labor, we will encourage full employment and the movement of people off welfare. By raising the price of energy and nonrenewable resources, we will encourage innovation and new products that will help make America the leader in the types of production needed in the 21st century.

By phasing in these tax shifts gradually over 20 years, the proposal avoids disruption and